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In re A	pplication of:	
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Application No.: 09/994,555		Examiner: Suzanne E. McDowell
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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING DURING IN-MOLD HANDLE ATTACHMENT	
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## **RESPONSE**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks. No amendments are being made to the claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6.

Claims 17-19, 21-24 and 26-28 were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining pending claims, 7, 14-16, 20 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uehara JP 04/138241.

Of the rejected claims, claims 7 and 14 are independent. The remaining claims (15-16, 20 and 25) depend from these independent claims.

Each of independent method claims 7 and 14 recites: ...a portion of a [the] blow molded container is formed about a handle [a retaining member on the handle] during blow molding.